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Response to Rep. Miller Constituent's request re
Ray Hooker

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Chief, Latin America Division

10 October 1984

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)

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In light of [redacted] concurrence with LA's position, we offer the attached draft response. This is not being submitted in final since the incoming request was not addressed to a specific individual, and we are uncertain under whose signature it should be sent.

Please advise if LA/CATF is to prepare in final.

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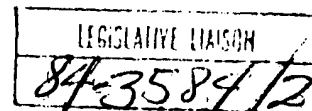
Subject: Responses to Congressional Inquiries re Ray Hooker
and the 1 September Santa Clara Incident

LA Division believes that it is inappropriate to provide detailed classified information to members of Congress who do not have oversight responsibility. To provide such detailed information as contained in the attached not only undermines the function of the oversight committee as a broker between the Agency and the Congress but also establishes a precedent of providing fulsome responses to individual requests. We therefore suggest that pro forma replies be sent to Representatives Ted Weiss and Clarence E. Miller acknowledging receipt of their correspondence and refer them to the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence.

S E C R E T

TO: File

Date

FROM: MacSUBJECT: Raymond Hooker - Nicaraguan CapturedMr. Jerry Reese - Ohio University

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[redacted]
at O.U. between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Mr. Reese called to advise that Mr. Raymond Hooker is a personal friend of his. Mr. Hooker lived in Ohio for years and has received numerous degrees from O.U. Mr. Hooker works for the Nicaraguan Government and was captured by the opposition to the Anti-Sandinistas. ~~XXXXXXXXXXXX~~. ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Mr. Reese wants Congressman Miller to call the CIA and tell them to release Raymond Hooker. I became very confused about the call as I was assuming up to this point that Raymond Hooker was an American - he is Nicaraguan but was educated at O.U.

I told Mr. Reese that I would discuss this with others in our office and let him know if there is anything that we could do in sending a plea for the life of Raymond Hooker.

Mr. Hooker's Nicaraguan sister is employed in the Press Section of the Nicaraguan Embassy here - Mariam Hooker.

Bob Reintsema, AA for Congressman Miller, called the CIA and an official advised that we send over the inquiry and they would try to get us a report on Mr. Raymond Hooker.

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What can
we do

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, U.S.
WASHINGTON, D.C.

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Respectfully referred to

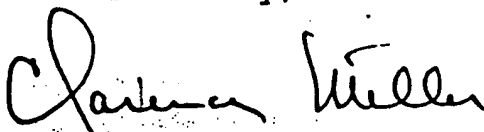
CIA
Congressional Affairs
Room 7-B24 CIA
Washington, D.C. 20205

Please find enclosed a recent communication received by our office.

I would appreciate any information or assistance you can provide us in this regard so that we may answer this correspondence.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Clarence E. Miller
Member of Congress
Rayburn House Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C. 20515
Contact: RAR

This follows telephone conversation May we know if he is being held in captivity or not. If so, state of health and well-being.

ANTI-SANDINISTAS SAID TO KIDNAP 2

Managua Says Rightist Rebels
Have Abducted 80 Others
Since Beginning of July

By STEPHEN KINZER

Special to The New York Times

BLUEFIELDS, Nicaragua, Sept. 9—Two local Sandinista leaders were apparently kidnapped by Nicaraguan rebels last week, and Government officials here said today that they feared both had been killed.

The reported abductions brought to 2 the number of people believed carried off by United States-backed insurgents since the beginning of July, the officials said. They asserted that people involved in Sandinista organizations were being targeted in an effort to discourage residents from cooperating with the Government.

One of the two Sandinista leaders reportedly kidnapped, Ray Hooker, is a former university dean educated in the United States. He had been chosen as a Sandinista candidate for the new National Assembly that is to be elected in November, and was traveling from this Atlantic coast city to the Indian village of Karawala, about 70 miles north of here, to promote his candidacy.

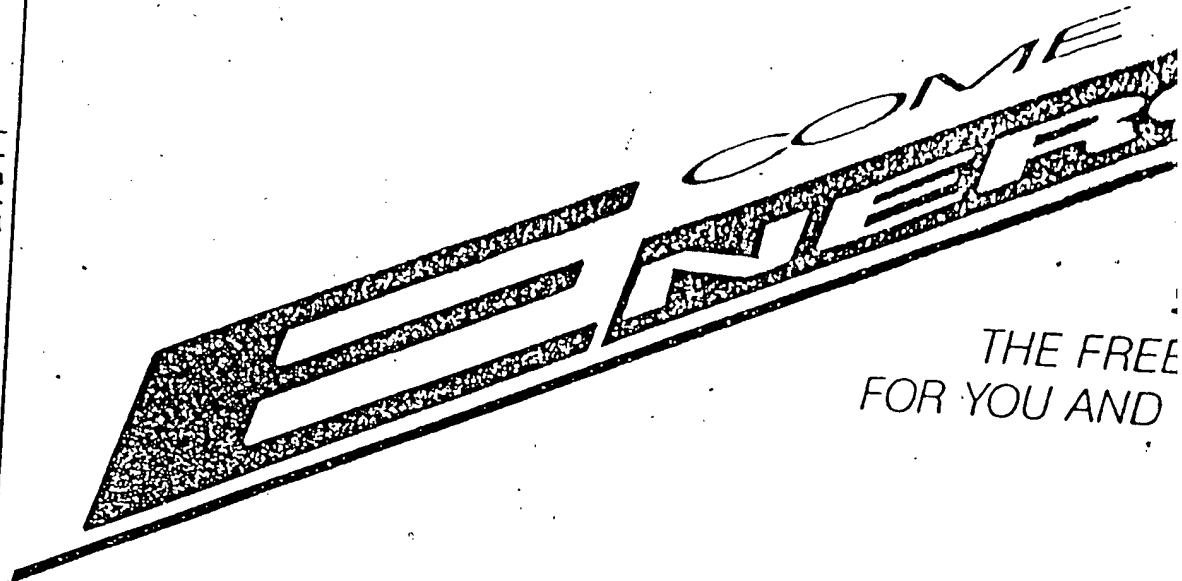
The other victim, Patricia Delgado, a member of the regional Sandinista governing committee and was traveling with Mr. Hooker to the village. He, captain of the small launch in which they were traveling, Santiago Yofga, was also missing in the incident, which occurred Wednesday. The Nicaraguan Defense Ministry was quoted as saying Friday that the three had been abducted by 80 insurgents.

4 Bodies Have Been Found

Of the 82 Nicaraguans reported kidnapped by right-wing rebels since July, bodies of 4 were found in the Escondido River last month, but the fate of the other 78 victims is unknown. Some are believed to have been taken to rebel camps in Costa Rica or Honduras. Sandinista officers believe that about 1,000 rebels, known as contras, are scattered throughout southeastern Nicaragua, a sparsely populated expanse of swamps, jungles and tropical forests. Over the last 10 days, they mounted a series of attacks.

On Aug. 30, a raiding party captured and burned a barge used to haul food and other goods to Bluefields from the northern part of the country. Three men aboard the barge were carried off, and there has been no word of their fate.

There is no road to connect Bluefields with the rest of Nicaragua, so the barge has made it difficult for residents to obtain goods. The Government is, however, constructing a



by 200 Rebels

Wednesday, a force estimated at more than 200 rebels attacked the town of La Cruz del Rio Grande, killing 4 people and suffering 14 dead, according to Government figures.

Two days later, the head of an agricultural cooperative in Cañonero, less than 10 miles from Bluefields, was killed in an ambush along with two members of the cooperative. The head of the cooperative, Jacinto Vargas Estrada, had urged his neighbors to work with Sandinista officials.

"The contras are trying to do two things," said Harry Chávez, a local Sandinista spokesman. "They want to terrorize people so they will not work with the revolutionary Government, and at the same time they are laying the groundwork for an effort to seize some territory. Taking Bluefields would be their greatest triumph."

In recent months, insurgents have mounted several attacks in which they have made special efforts to single out and kill leaders of pro-Sandinista organizations. Coordinators of Sandinista block committees, youth groups, health centers and cooperatives have been among the victims.

Mr. Hooker, who maintained relations with Indians opposed to the Government, is among the most widely respected citizens of Bluefields. He graduated from Ohio University with a degree in history, became assistant dean of humanities at the National University in Managua, and in 1981 was named director of the Institute for the Atlantic Coast, a Government agency. More recently, he had been in charge of administering social services for indigenous groups in the coast region.

The official Sandinista newspaper Barricada charged Saturday that Mr. Hooker's kidnapping was planned by the Central Intelligence Agency, which has provided millions of dollars in covert aid to rebel groups.

Report of Cuban Deaths Denied

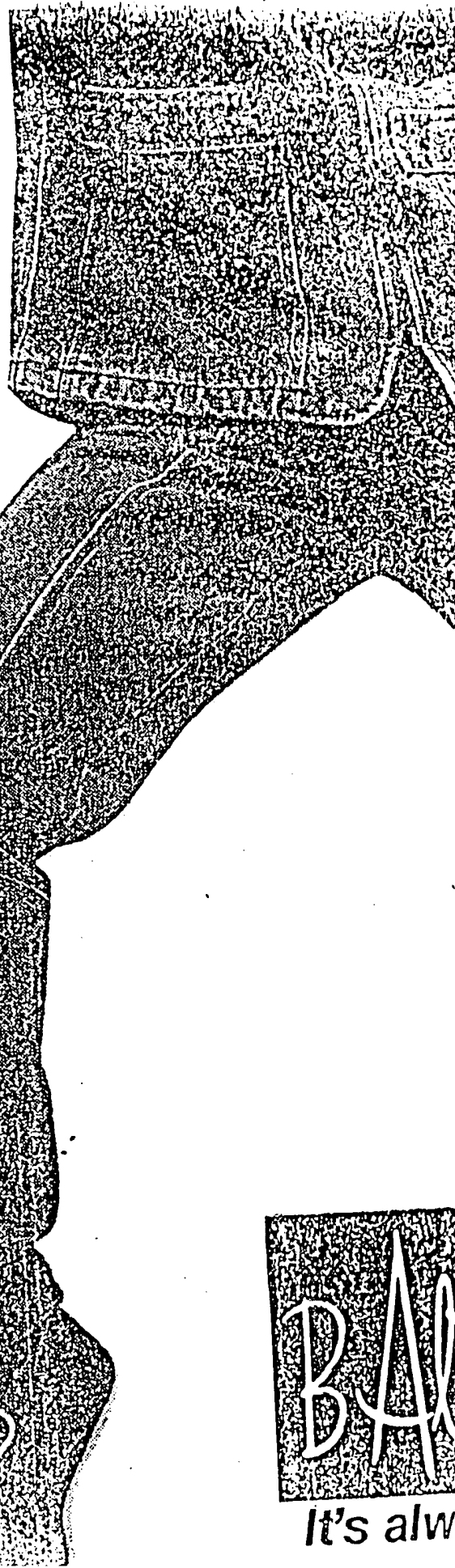
Special to The New York Times

WASHINGTON, Sept. 9 — The Nicaraguan Mission to the United Nations has dismissed a Reagan Administration assertion that four senior Cuban military advisers were killed in a rebel air raid last Saturday in which two Americans were killed.

The statement, issued Saturday night by the Nicaraguan Embassy here, accused Administration officials of "lying," and reiterated earlier Nicaraguan assertions that the only people killed in the attack against a military school in Santa Clara were three children and a cook.

The statement said the Administration's portrayal of the situation in Central America was based on an "insidious and systematic use of deceit."

"No amount of lying will help the Reagan Administration to prevent the people of the United States and the international community from clearly seeing the reality of the aggression of a super power against a small nation," it



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